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The Honorable Daniel K. Inouye  
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The Honorable Thad Cochran  
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The Honorable Patty Murray  
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The Honorable Christopher S. Bond  
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Dear Chairman Inouye, Vice Chair Cochran, Chairman Murray and Ranking Member Bond:

As the Subcommittee prepares to consider the fiscal year 2010 appropriations bill for the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies, I respectfully request your consideration of the following projects important to New Mexico's development. Federal assistance is critical to helping New Mexico's local government and community groups meet the needs of our state. Your consideration of these projects, listed by account and in alphabetical order, is very much appreciated.

## **FAA**

### **Airport Improvement Program**

**Airport Improvements (Los Alamos, NM)** -- I respectfully request \$ 3,000,000 for airport improvements at the Los Alamos County Airport in Los Alamos, NM. This airport serves as a gateway to northern New Mexico and provides access to Los Alamos National Laboratory. This project is important to taxpayers since it will rehabilitate and extend the airport runway to meet safety requirements and provide necessary infrastructure for a sustainable flow of air traffic at an airport that is essential to promoting the economic success of northern New Mexico.

**Airport Improvements (Las Cruces, NM)** -- I respectfully request \$2,200,000 for airport improvements to Las Cruces International Airport to enhance the airport's infrastructure and expand

economic development opportunities at the airport. The airport is located near an industrial park and provides an aerial transportation gateway for both people and goods. This project is important to taxpayers since it will stimulate economic development in Las Cruces and Dona Ana County, New Mexico. Several organizations maintain a presence at the airport site, including NMSU Physical Science Laboratory, Civil Air Patrol, US Navy, and Army National Guard (Counter Drug Unit). In addition, the airport has hosted the X-Prize Competition.

## **FHWA**

### **Transportation, Community and System Preservation**

**Bridge #8116 (San Juan County, NM)** – I respectfully request \$1,080,000 for the replacement of Bridge #8116 in San Juan County. This project is important to taxpayers since Bridge # 8116 serves as one of the primary access routes between Aztec and the Cedar Hill area of San Juan County and provides a critical connection between NM Hwy. 516 and US Hwy. 550. Bridge #8116 serves the needs of the approximate 10,000 local residents as well as provides a school bus route for the Aztec School District and access to the Cox Canyon natural gas field. The current bridge needs replacement due to a failing deck and severe corrosion of all steel elements.

**County Road 3900 (San Juan County, NM)** -- I respectfully request \$ 5,200,000 for construction of County Road 3900 in San Juan County. This county continues to be the second fastest growing county in New Mexico. This project is important to taxpayers since the road will serve as a critical component to the future of the San Juan County transportation system and will act as the principal access into the Crouch Mesa area, identified through the County's Growth Management plan as one of the fastest growing areas in the unincorporated area of San Juan County.

**Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, West Construction (Alamogordo, NM)** – I respectfully request \$4,000,000 for construction of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive from Airport Business Park to US Highway 70 in Alamogordo, NM. This project is important to taxpayers since this road would provide access to a business park and nearby Air Force Base, improving economic development opportunities in Alamogordo, NM.

**East Aztec Arterial Route Project (Aztec, NM)** – I respectfully request \$2,500,000 for the East Aztec Arterial Project in Aztec, NM. This project is important to taxpayers since this arterial route is necessary to meet the existing and future demands of the heavy oil and gas industrial traffic that currently travels through the town, creating safety hazards and deterioration of the town's main artery.

**Española Pedestrian Crossing Bridge (Española, NM)** – I respectfully request \$500,000 for the design and construction of a pedestrian bridge connecting Vietnam Memorial Park Road across State Road 84/Highway 285. The roadway currently serves two municipal parks on either side of State Road 84/Highway 285 and would facilitate Española Elementary students and citizen access to the city library, swimming pool and recreation center. This project is important to taxpayers because it provides a safety corridor for area pedestrians.



**Plaza del Sol Streets (Angel Fire, NM)** – I respectfully request \$900,000 for the Plaza del Sol Streets in Angel Fire, NM, which will create a town square surrounded by village hall, police and fire departments, post office, businesses, and municipal offices. This project is important to taxpayers since it will showcase renewable energy building in rural America and serve as a model for small towns wanting to promote renewable energy. It will further provide a central gathering place for tourists who contribute significantly to the town's economy.

**Regional East-West Trail and Bikeway (Albuquerque, NM)** – I respectfully request \$17,000,000 for Regional East-West Trail and Bikeway in Albuquerque, NM. This project is important to taxpayers since it will promote multimodal transportation and help reduce congestion, improve air quality, and enhance safety for pedestrians, motorists, and cyclists in Albuquerque and surrounding areas.

**Road Improvements in Dona Ana County (Dona Ana County, NM)** -- I respectfully request \$3,675,000 for road improvements to improve transportation efficiency and reduce environmental impact in Don Ana County, NM. The requested funding will be used for improvements to several roads in poor condition or needing total replacement. A portion of the construction funding will complete an ongoing flooding and drainage project reduce the environmental impact of roads in the area. This project is important to taxpayers since the road improvements will encourage private sector development and improve environmental quality in Dona Ana County. If left unimproved, these roads may have to be closed in order to protect public safety.

**Wood Business Park Transportation Infrastructure (San Miguel County, NM)**—I respectfully request \$1,900,000 for Wood Business Park Transportation Infrastructure improvements in San Miguel County, NM. This project will encourage private sector development by providing infrastructure, including road development with drainage and a railroad spur, to serve San Miguel County and the Wood Business Park. This project is important to taxpayers since it will create or save 80 jobs and promote economic development and entrepreneurial opportunities in the region.

## **Federal Lands**

**Four Lane Upgrade US 491, NM (New Mexico DOT)**—I respectfully request \$5,000,000 for four lane upgrade to US 491, on the Navajo Indian Reservation, New Mexico. This project will improve access to federal lands in northern New Mexico. This project is important to the taxpayer since it will improve economic development on the Navajo Indian Reservation and enhancing traffic safety on US 491, where fatal accidents regularly occur.

**McKinley County Roads and Bridges Improvements (McKinley County, NM)**—I respectfully request \$1,600,000 for McKinley County Roads and Bridges Improvements in McKinley County, NM. This project is important to taxpayers since it will improve access to the Navajo Indian Reservation and federal lands in northern New Mexico. McKinley County has many miles of unpaved and unimproved roads, and county residents and visitors have become stranded and unable to travel these roads due to inclement weather. This project will improve



safety for children riding on school buses, senior citizens traveling to community centers, and workers commuting to jobsites.

**Ohkay Owingeh Tribal Transit Program (San Juan Pueblo, NM)** -- I respectfully request \$150,000 for enhancements of existing tribal transit services. Tribal transit helps tribal residents get to work, participate in social activities and go to the doctor. These services help connect tribal residents with neighboring communities and reach approximately 14,000 individuals. This project is important to taxpayers as it provides tribal residents essential transportation access.

**Tribal Road Improvements (Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo, NM)**—I respectfully request \$345,000 for improvements to North Cross Place, Sesame Street and Community School roads in Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo, NM. This shovel ready project is important to taxpayers since these tribal roads are in poor condition and improvements to them will enhance transportation for residents and businesses. The road improvements will also provide proper drainage and erosion control measures that will increase environmental sustainability in an area prone to floods where the road direct storm water to residences along the road.

## **Surface Transportation Priorities**

**Camino del Llano Street Improvements (Belen, NM)**—I respectfully request \$ 4,350,000 for Camino del Llano street improvements in Belen, NM. This project is important to taxpayers since Camino del Llano provides access for residents and local businesses to downtown streets, I-25, and a municipal airport. This roadway has deteriorated to a level requiring street improvements to enhance safety and complement storm drainage improvements.

**Cannon AFB BRAC County Road Improvements (Curry County, NM)** – I respectfully request \$ 1,000,000 for county road improvements in Curry County, NM to improve access to Cannon Air Force Base, alleviate traffic congestion, provide all weather farm to market roads, and serve the needs of Cannon Air Force Base. This project is important to taxpayers since it would alleviate existing and future development and encroachment concerns around Cannon Air Force Base as well as reduce the accident potential along roads near the base's runway and flight operations. These road improvements will further improve the economic development potential of Curry County, NM.

**Claimjumper Road Construction (Red River, NM)** – I respectfully request \$780,000 for construction of Claimjumper Road in Red River, NM. This funding is for the final phase construction of an existing roadway project. Claimjumper Road is a relief route for reducing traffic and is an alternate route between NM 38 spur and NM state highway 38. This project is important tax payers since Red River is the closest mountain recreation area for up to five states, including Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Louisiana, and Arkansas. Red River attracts both domestic and foreign tourists. This road will help enhance economic development in red River and encourage mixed activities around a mountain lake.

**Community Green Space (Eunice, NM)** – I respectfully request \$800,000 for Community Green Space in Eunice, NM. This project is important to taxpayers since the city of Eunice must



upgrade its transportation infrastructure to accommodate population growth created by the construction of a uranium enrichment facility near the town. The development of green space will create an incentive for economic development in Eunice as well as provide an area for exercise and physical activity for city residents.

**Corridor Study for Spaceport Road (Sierra and Dona Ana Counties, NM)**—I respectfully request \$1,600,000 for a New Mexico DOT study to identify the best option for access to Spaceport America. This project is important to taxpayers since Spaceport America will provide a location for space companies to conduct their business, create employment, provide tourism opportunities, and improve economic development in southern New Mexico.

**County Bridge # 8105 (San Juan County, NM)** – I respectfully request \$2,600,000 for the replacement of Bridge # 8105 in San Juan County. This county continues to be the second fastest growing county in New Mexico. This project is important to taxpayers since Bridge # 8105 serves as one of the primary access routes to the Huerfano Chapter of the Navajo Nation and the Checkerboard area of San Juan County; carries traffic over the Gallegos Wash which becomes impassable during rain showers; and serves the needs of the approximate 4,000 local citizens, including students traveling by school bus to the local BIA boarding school. This bridge is the 2nd worst rated bridge in San Juan County.

**East Blanco Bridge and Boulevard Renovation (Bloomfield, NM)** – I respectfully request \$2,200,000 for the City of Bloomfield's renovation of the East Blanco Bridge and Boulevard. Renovations to the East Blanco Bridge and Boulevard will improve local vehicular traffic safety as well as pedestrian and bicycle access and safety. The bridge is directly adjacent to residential areas, a City Recreation Center, high school and city complexes and in need of bicycle lanes, sidewalks and guardrails. This project is important to taxpayers because it will significantly enhance safety and traffic flow.

**Eubank Blvd. Road Improvements (Bernalillo County, NM)** – I respectfully request \$3,000,000 for Eubank Blvd. Road Improvements in Bernalillo County, NM. This project is important to taxpayers since it will improve traffic flow and safety by adding two additional lanes and a center turn lane for a road that carries 15,000 vehicles daily in an area with a growing population.

**Extension of University Blvd. to Mesa del Sol (Albuquerque, NM)**—I respectfully request \$3,000,000 for the extension of University Blvd. in Albuquerque, NM. This project is important to taxpayers since an extended University Blvd will provide critically needed access to the proposed 9,000 acres of the Mesa del Sol development. This road provides secondary access to Kirtland Air Force Base and will ultimately provide primary access to the recently-approved Mesa del Sol Master Plan development which is projected to attract more than 50,000 jobs to the Albuquerque area. Plans for several major industrial developments including Advent Solar and Culver Studios have already been approved or are in the construction process.

**Frontage Road Extension (Pueblo of Pojoaque, NM)** – I respectfully request \$2,500,000 for Frontage Road Extension at US 84/285 in Pueblo of Pojoaque, NM. This road will reduce traffic flow and improve access to US 84/285, thereby enhancing safety in the area. This project is



important to taxpayers since it will improve safety and alleviate congestion on a narrow and heavily used road that serves tribal and other community residences.

**Gun Range Road Reconstruction (Artesia, NM)**—I respectfully request \$1,500,000 for Gun Range Road in Artesia, NM. This road provides access to the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center which is critical to the economy of Artesia. This project is important to taxpayers since it will improve safety for federal law enforcement personnel traveling to and from an important training facility as well as improve transportation infrastructure vital for Artesia's economic development.

**Hood Mesa Transportation Improvements (Farmington, NM)** – I respectfully request \$720,000 for the construction and pavement of roads in the City of Farmington. These funds will support the improvement of approximately one mile of dirt roads in a rapidly growing section of the City. These roads will provide important second ingress and egress access for emergency vehicles to over one thousand homes in the Foothills area – an area subject to wildfires. This project is important to taxpayers as it will provide additional access points to many area homes.

**Hull Street Overpass (Clovis, NM)** – I respectfully request \$5,650,000 for the reconstruction of Hull Street Overpass in Clovis, NM. This project will replace a bridge that was torn down in 2008 after being declared structurally unsafe. This project is important to taxpayers since reconstructing the overpass will provides key emergency access to the south end of the city. The closest railroad crossing to the Hull Street overpass is located one mile west but is frequently blocked, sometimes up to 30 minutes at a time. It is critical that fire, ambulance and police services be able to respond to the south side of the city in an expeditious manner and therefore critical that the Hull Street Overpass be reconstructed. The overpass closure has also negatively impacted local businesses on the south side of the bridge by greatly reducing their number of customers, making it even more difficult for those firms to survive the current economic climate.

**Manzano Expressway Expansion and Upgrade (Valencia County, NM)** – I respectfully request \$ 3,142,000 for Manzano Expressway Expansion and Upgrade in Valencia County, NM. This project is important to taxpayers since the road needs repair and improvements as well as extending in order to serve the transportation needs of the eastern portion of Valencia County, one of the fastest growing counties in the state. This road provides access to a new high school and will be heavily used by trucks traveling to and from a gravel pit.

**Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Improvements (Clovis, NM)** – I respectfully request \$4,350,000 to improve Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard in Clovis, NM. This project is important to taxpayers since this road is one of the primary entrances to the largest hospital between Lubbock, TX and Albuquerque, NM which serves 110,000 people within a 100-mile radius. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd will receive even more traffic as Clovis expands due to a growing military presence at nearby Cannon Air Force, which does not have a hospital emergency room. The existing two-lane road is insufficient to support this anticipated growth and the community's current need for an adequate access route to emergency care facilities.



**New Mexico State Road 68 and La Jolla Street Intersection (Española, NM)** -- I respectfully request \$500,000 for traffic flow improvements at the New Mexico 68 and La Jolla Street Intersection. At the heart of the Española roadway network modifications to the existing signalized intersection and traffic flow are essential to resident and visitor safety. This project is important to taxpayers because it will improve traffic safety in the City of Española.

**New Mexico State Road 291 and New Mexico State Road 68 Intersection (Española, NM)** – I respectfully request \$1,000,000 for the design and construction of a signalized intersection at the meeting of State Road 291 and State Road 68. State Road 68 is one of the primary routes used by busses accessing the Española High School and its intersection with State Road 291 poses a threat to student safety. This project is important to taxpayers because it will improve student, pedestrian and vehicle safety at this busy intersection.

**North Florida Avenue Improvements (Alamogordo, NM)** – I respectfully request \$1,100,000 for improvements to North Florida Avenue. Renovations to the road, including curb and gutter repair, are currently underway; however federal assistance is required for the necessary understructure work on this heavily trafficked road. This project is important to the taxpayer as it supports the transportation infrastructure necessary for economic development in Alamogordo.

**Oñate Bridge Enhancements (Española, NM)** – I respectfully request \$3,500,000 for enhancements to the Oñate Bridge. Of historical significance, this bridge serves as the entryway of the Española Main Street District and is in need of maintenance including the replacement of curbs, gutters and sidewalks as well as a full lighting upgrade. This project is of importance to the taxpayer because these bridge improvements will help foster the economic development of the Española Main Street District.

**Norris Street Improvements (Clovis, NM)** – I respectfully request \$ 3,440,000 for improvements to Norris Street in Clovis, NM. This project is important to taxpayers since Norris Street is the primary road that serves the fast growing northeast area of Clovis where a military housing project is located. As Clovis and its military community expand, congestion in the narrow portions of Norris Street will only worsen, exacerbating safety concerns for this transportation route.

**North and South Angel Fire Roads Improvements (Angel Fire, NM)** – I respectfully request \$900,000 for improvements to North and South Angel Fire Roads in Angel Fire, NM. This project is important to taxpayers since these roads provide primary access to the center of Angel Fire and are fundamental to the commercial success of the town. Angel Fire's economy depends on a nearby ski resort that attracts tourists who arrive by car, and improvements to North and South Angel Fire roads will preserve the existing transportation system for the town's main source of revenue. The existing road surfaces and drainage are in substandard condition which poses a safety threat for visitors driving or walking on the road, particularly during winter weather. Trucks, passenger vehicles, and foot traffic all use North and South Angel Fire Roads to deliver food and supplies, get skiers to and from the mountain and walk to the various shops along the roads.



**Plaza Road Realignment (Pueblo of Pojoaque, NM)** – I respectfully request \$3,100,000 for Plaza Road Realignment in Pueblo of Pojoaque, NM. This project is important to taxpayers since it will significantly enhance public safety at a confusing intersection where car accidents regularly happen. This project will alleviate the tight spacing and car stacking during morning and evening commute hours.

**Railroad Avenue Extension and Realignment (Española, NM)** – I respectfully request \$1,500,000 for the realignment of Railroad Avenue. One of the three major thoroughfares within the corporate limits of Española, a portion of this project was completed in 2001, but the project remains unfinished. This project is important taxpayers because Railroad Avenue serves as an bypass for New Mexico State Roads 84/285 and 68 under emergency conditions.

**San Jose Boulevard Improvements (Carlsbad, NM)** – I respectfully request \$ 3,675,000 for the reconstruction of San Jose Boulevard. San Jose Boulevard is used as an alternate route for traffic between U.S. Hwy 62/180, the Airport and the Industrial Park complex and U.S. Hwy 285, Downtown Carlsbad and the business district. San Jose Boulevard also serves as a major arterial relief and alternate route through Carlsbad for vehicles traveling along U.S. Hwy 62/180. The existing 25-foot wide section with no shoulders is inadequate to safely accommodate turning movements with the volume of traffic encountered. This project is important to taxpayers since it will significantly improve traffic safety and traffic flow through the community of Carlsbad, New Mexico.

**Sonoma Ranch Blvd. Extension (Las Cruces, NM)** – I respectfully request \$ 3,500,000 for the Sonoma Ranch Blvd. Extension in Las Cruces, NM. This project is important for taxpayers since this road will provide access to a new high school for which there is currently no adequate access road, and support further infrastructure to the surrounding community in the fastest growing area of the city. It will also ease traffic congestion in the city's busiest intersection.

**South McCurdy Road, New Mexico State Road 583, Improvements (Española, NM)** – I respectfully request \$4,750,000 for improvements to South McCurdy Road. Currently the most accident prone roadway within the City of Española, the road is main access road for three area schools. Funds for this project would allow drainage and width improvements that would greatly improve road safety. This project is important to taxpayers because it improves road safety for many students and their families.

**Southeast Bypass Road Improvements (Hobbs, NM)** – I respectfully request \$ 3,000,000 for the Hobbs Southeast Bypass Road Project in Hobbs, NM. This project is important to taxpayers since it will be a major transportation improvement for the City of Hobbs for many years, contributing both economic and environmental benefits. Rerouting heavy and potentially hazards oilfield truck traffic from highly populated areas in Hobbs will improve transportation access and increase public safety. In the near future, new nuclear cargo loads will be routed through Hobbs, making the Southeast Bypass Road even more necessary for public safety. This road will further improve air quality in Hobbs by routing heavy truck traffic away from heavily populated areas.



**State Highway 39 Improvements (Harding County, NM)** – I respectfully request \$3,000,000 for State Highway 39 Improvements in Harding County, NM. This project is important to taxpayers since the current road is a narrow main route for school buses and emergency vehicle traffic that does not provide adequate safety. There are currently no shoulders for 14 miles of the road.

**Taos County Road Department Equipment (Taos, NM)** -- I respectfully request \$1,000,000 for the Taos County Road Department's purchase of support vehicles. Responsible for roads that span over 2,200 square miles of rugged mountains, highland mesas and deep gorges the county does not have enough plows or trucks to transport them to provide services. The county's ability to service roads is further taxed by its Emergency Management responsibilities where it is also responds to major emergencies such as heavy snow, storms, floods and windstorms. This project is important to taxpayers because poorly serviced roads are a danger to county residents and year-round tourists.

## **FRA**

### **Rail Line Relocation and Improvement Program**

**Alameda Rail Siding Construction (Mid Region Council of Governments, Albuquerque, NM)** – I respectfully request \$3,000,000 for the construction of rail siding in northern Albuquerque to improve a rail line used by Rail Runner commuter rail, freight train, and Amtrak trains. The current single main track runs for 14 miles without opportunities for trains to pass. This project is important to taxpayers since it will allow more schedule operations and improve performance of all train users in the corridor including passenger, freight, and commuter rail.

**Construction of Second Downtown Rail Platform (Mid Region Council of Governments, Albuquerque, NM)** – I respectfully request \$600,000 for the Construction of Second Downtown Rail Platform in Albuquerque, NM. This funding will be used the second rail platform for the New Mexico Rail Runner commuter rail in downtown Albuquerque. The raised-level second platform will improve boarding and exiting from commuter trains at the station. This project is important to taxpayers since it will enhance public safety and encourage increased use of commuter rail as an alternative to driving.

**Purchase Four New Bi-Level Rail Cars for Rail Runner Commuter Rail (Mid Region Council of Governments, Albuquerque, NM)** – I respectfully request \$8,600,000 for the purchase of four new bi-level Rail Cars for the Rail Runner Commuter Rail. The New Mexico Rail Runner Express currently carries approximately 5,000 riders a day. It is anticipated that in two years time service demands will exceed the capacity of the current fleet; however current production times for new passenger vehicles is about two years. This project is important to taxpayers as it will anticipate and meet passenger needs.

**Rehabilitation of ATSF Freight Building Mid Region Council of Governments, Albuquerque, NM)** – I respectfully request \$3,000,000 for the rehabilitation of the ATSF Freight building in Albuquerque. The ATSF freight building is the last remaining structure that



has not been renovated in the area of the Alvarado transportation center, which serves as the major hub for city transit services, intercity bus terminal, and Amtrak station. This project is important to taxpayers since the rehabilitated ATSF building would house the New Mexico Rail Runner (commuter rail) staff and Rio Metro transit district staff.

## **FTA**

### **Bus and Bus Facilities**

**Belen Intermodal Facility Commuter Station Improvements (Belen, NM)**—I respectfully request \$2,800,000 for Belen intermodal facility commuter station improvements. Since 2006, the Rail Runner commuter train serves this Belen facility, which has increased public transportation options for Belen and the surrounding area. This project would improve the intermodal facility by creating safer access for pedestrians and cyclists who use commuter rail or bus service in Belen. In addition, the project will support the intermodal facility's economic development potential by creating space that could be leased to local vendors. This project is important to taxpayers since it will improve and promote use of public transit, which reduces vehicle traffic, pollution, and fuel consumption.

**Hobbs Transit Intermodal Facility (Hobbs, NM)** – I respectfully request \$ 800,000 for the Hobbs Transit Intermodal Facility in Hobbs, NM. This intermodal facility will serve both intercity transit and intra-city bus traffic from regional and multistate carriers. This project will include bus maintenance and administrative facilities for a public bus system that has been operational for a year. Currently, buses are parked in an unsecured parking lot next to an office where vandalism and break-ins are a problem. This project is important to taxpayers since it will improve transit in Hobbs and benefit low and moderate income residents who rely on the transit system.

**Intermodal Transportation Center Phase II (Los Lunas, NM)** – I respectfully request \$ 4,523,708 for Intermodal Transportation Center Phase II in Los Lunas, NM to provide space for multiple transit-oriented businesses and travelers, including an information area and bus shelters and loading space. This project is important to taxpayers since it will support public transportation in Los Lunas, which has a proven history of utilizing Federal appropriations efficiently and timely.

**Statewide Bus/Bus Facilities for Commuter Choice (New Mexico DOT)**—I respectfully request \$4,500,000 for statewide bus/bus facilities for commuter choice in New Mexico. This funding will increase transit options in the state of New Mexico by purchasing transit vehicles for senior citizens and persons with disabilities, creating or improving bus facilities, and providing public transportation enhancements such as park and ride stations to increase commuter in New Mexico. This project is important to taxpayers since it will increase commuter choice in roughly twenty counties in New Mexico, including rural areas and tribal lands, where transportation options are limited and many persons with low incomes rely on such transportation.



**Transit Facility Rehabilitation, ATC phase IV (Albuquerque, NM)**—I respectfully request \$ 3,000,000 for transit facility rehabilitation, ATC phase IV in Albuquerque, NM. This project is important to taxpayers since it will provide additional capacity for passenger and administrative transportation services serving Albuquerque and the surrounding region. This project will build on the success of the Rail Runner commuter rail service and also will restore a historic structure, contributing to downtown Albuquerque’s revitalization.

**Bus and Bus Facilities (Los Alamos, NM)** – I respectfully request \$1,400,000 for Transit Vehicles and Facilities Purchase in Los Alamos, NM. Atomic City transit in Los Alamos assists residents of Los Alamos to travel to their jobs at low cost and decreases traffic and air pollution in the area. This project is important to the taxpayer since it will support a local transportation system that interconnects with a regional transit system to enhance the ability of workers to access jobs at Los Alamos.

**Transit Vehicles Purchase (Albuquerque, NM)** – I respectfully request \$ 4,000,000 for transit vehicles purchase in Albuquerque, NM. This project is important to taxpayers since the replacement of transit vehicles will provide transit users with more consistent and dependable service than possible with current transit vehicles which require more maintenance. The new transit vehicles will also reduce emissions and thus contribute to the city’s overall sustainability efforts.

## **New Starts**

**Modern Street Car Light Rail (Albuquerque, NM)** – I respectfully request \$ 2,000,000 for modern street car light rail in Albuquerque, NM. This project is important to taxpayers since the modern street car light rail will serve as a backbone for the city’s mass transit system. This project will provide an alternative to vehicle transportation for low income residents and help reduce vehicle emissions in the city, thus contributing to environmental sustainability.

## **HUD**

### **Economic Development Initiatives**

**Acoma Community Center and Wellness Facility (Acoma, NM)** – I respectfully request \$3,500,000 for the construction of the Acoma Community Center and Wellness Facility. The facility, -- planned to include a pool, weightlifting room, aerobics room, tribal health program and Boy and Girls club – will provide valuable health and education resources to Acoma community and adjacent community members. This project is important to taxpayers because it provides health and education resources to the Acoma community and neighboring areas.

**Albuquerque Multi-Event Center (Albuquerque, NM)** – I respectfully request \$20,000,000 for the construction of the Albuquerque Multi-Event Center. The project includes a convention headquarters hotel, a multi-purpose event center and related infrastructure which are essential



to the revitalized competitiveness of Albuquerque in the convention and meetings industry. This project is important to taxpayers as it will promote Albuquerque economic development.

**Angel Fire Fire Department Ladder Truck (Angel Fire, NM)** -- I respectfully request \$480,000 for Angel Fire Fire Department's purchase of a ladder truck. Playing host to over 200,000 tourists annually, Angel Fire and the surrounding communities has many high-rise structures that are not accessible with current firefighting equipment. This project is important to taxpayers as it will improve the delivery of fire safety services in the village of Angel Fire.

**Angel Fire Recreational Green Space (Angel Fire, NM)** -- I respectfully request \$500,000 for development of recreational green space in the village of Angel Fire. This project is important to taxpayers as this recreational green space provides residents the opportunity to pursue a healthier lifestyle.

**Bernalillo Senior Citizen Center (Bernalillo, NM)** -- I respectfully request \$4,000,000 for the City of Bernalillo's construction of a new Senior Center. Planned for the Rotary Park Recreational Complex, the new Senior Center will provide meal service, hobby workshops and physical and mental health programs to area seniors. The new center will replace an existing dilapidated facility that no longer meets ADA compliance and city building codes. This project is important to taxpayers because as our population ages it is necessary that help seniors remain active members of their community. Specifically these dollars will be used for planning, design, and construction.

**Carlsbad Veterans War Memorial (Carlsbad, NM)** -- I respectfully request \$200,000 for construction of a Veterans War Memorial in the City of Carlsbad. The City of Carlsbad has a long history of armed service to the United States and especially the Bataan Death March which took the lives of several Carlsbad residents. The residents of this community wish to honor past and future heroes as well as demonstrate their love of country with a new Veterans War Memorial. This project is important to taxpayers because it memorializes the sacrifices of our nation's heroes.

**Carlsbad Youth Sports Center (Carlsbad, NM)** -- I respectfully request \$500,000 for the construction of little league fields in the City of Carlsbad. The City of Carlsbad is currently relocating 23 sports fields displaced when formerly leased land was sold by the Northern Santa Fe railroad. With local funds, the City of Carlsbad has already relocated 11 of these fields and built the required infrastructure. The project is important to taxpayers as these ball fields are critical to the fabric of the Carlsbad community and promote healthy lifestyles. Specifically these funds will complete the Junior and Senior Little League baseball fields.

**Center for New Mexico Archaeology (Santa Fe, NM)** -- I respectfully request \$3,000,000 to complete construction of an off-site curation facility at the Center for New Mexico Archaeology. The lack of adequate storage is profoundly felt in the curation of archeological collections held in trust for Americans across the nation. In surveys of such facilities Federal studies have documented a curation crisis approaching critical levels that jeopardizes economic development and historical collection. This project is important to taxpayers because the site will house both federally and stated owned archaeological collections.



**City of Las Vegas' Downtown Revitalization Project (Las Vegas, NM)** – I respectfully request \$11,000,000 for the construction of the Las Vegas City Hall and Retail Complex and an accompanying parking structure. Returning City Hall to the downtown area is a key component to the successful revitalization of the historic downtown and will make access to City services, local banks and retail services more convenient. This project is important to taxpayers because it will stimulate local economic development.

**Clovis Regional Fire Training Facility Burn Building (Clovis, NM)** – I respectfully request \$500,000 for the construction of a burn building at the Clovis Regional Fire Training Facility. This burn building will be used to train firefighters from four counties in live burning conditions, training which is currently only available 250 miles away. A live burn training structure is perhaps the most important item to have in a regional training facility but is the often the most costly. This project is important to taxpayers because it helps ensure the best training for area firefighters.

**Clovis Wellness and Youth Development Center (Clovis, NM)** – I respectfully request \$3,000,000 for the construction of the Clovis Wellness and Youth Development Center. A major concern for city residents and the area military community is access to quality health and recreation facilities. Currently three construction phases remain uncompleted and include the construction of a therapy pool and weight room, a 25 yard competition pool as well as a soccer complex. This project is important to taxpayers as a local public facility will ensure that low-income residents can access quality recreational facilities. Specifically these dollars will be spent solely for construction costs.

**Eastern Navajo Wellness Center (Crownpoint, NM)** – I respectfully request \$6,050,000 for the construction of a regional health center on the Navajo Technical College campus. Crownpoint is an isolated community that suffers a critical lack of healthy recreation activity for local students and area youth. Strategic planning meetings with community stakeholders continually rank the construction of a wellness center as a top priority in the prevention of area health and social ills. This project is important to taxpayers as it will provide much needed healthy recreation options for students and area youth.

**El Valle de Anton (Anton Chico, NM)** – I respectfully request \$150,000 to establish the El Valle de Anton Chico Library. A library is a vital resource in supporting and strengthening families, the promotion self sufficiency through education, and provides children and youth the tools for success. This is especially true of the proposed library which will integrate other community functions and house a local health clinic, school, senior center, post office and fire department. This project is important to taxpayers because it provide access to key educational and technological resources.

**El Zócalo Economic Development Business Complex (Bernalillo, NM)** -- I respectfully request \$603,500 for the final construction of the El Zócalo Economic Development Business Complex. The completed office space will house A small Business Development Center, New Mexico State Department of Transportation Staff, a new Native American-owned energy start-



up and a financial consulting group. This project is important to taxpayers as it will foster small business development.

**Española Railroad Museum (Española, NM)** – I respectfully request \$468,000 for the design and construction of the City of Española Railroad Museum. The proposed railroad museum will commemorate the significant impact of the Denver and Rio Grande Chile Line and the tri-cultural influences important in the foundation of the City of Española. This project is important to taxpayers because it will improve the local economy through increased tourism. final phase construction of the Village of Tijeras Senior Center. Tijeras senior programs are currently housed in a community center where space and resources are scarce. The proposed center will not only give seniors a place of their own but also house expanded recreational, social, health and educational programs that benefit both Tijeras and East Mountain area seniors. This project is important to taxpayers because it delivers the services that our seniors need to remain productive members of our communities.

**Hobbs Regional Emergency Operations Center (Hobbs, NM)** – I respectfully request \$3,800,000 for the development of a new Hobbs Regional Emergency Operations Center. The planned communications and emergency response center is urgently needed to centralize and coordinate dispatch, emergency and communications operations for the City of Hobbs and the greater Lea County. The new center is necessary to service the rapidly developing industrial area of southeast New Mexico. This project is important to taxpayers because it will provide essential public safety services to city and county residents.

**Isleta Tribal Services Complex (Isleta, NM)** – I respectfully request \$12,000,000 for the Pueblo of Isleta's construction of a Tribal Services Complex. The complex will consolidate and upgrade vital public safety and administration facilities at the Pueblo. Current tribal services are housed in a variety of dilapidated and outdated buildings and modular trailers. Consolidation of these services to one complex will improve delivery of essential operational and programmatic services. This project is important to taxpayers as the new complex will help tribal members access basic local services.

**Las Cruces City Parks Enhancements (Las Cruces, NM)** – I respectfully request \$1,500,000 for the City of Las Cruces Parks Department enhancements of ball fields. Ball fields are an important part of community life in Las Cruces which is reflected in their popularity. The popularity of these fields, over 40,000 games are played yearly, has led to significant congestion and deterioration due to heavy use. This project is important to taxpayers because it strengthens the Las Cruces community and promotes healthy youth activity. Specifically, these dollars will construct 4 new ball fields, restrooms and concession stands.

**Las Cruces Natural History and Railroads Museums (Las Cruces, NM)** – I respectfully request \$2,000,000 for the rehabilitation of the Museum of Science and Nature building and the conversion of the former Santa Fe Depot into an interactive museum. The museum expansion will not only serve to increase access from three to six days per week but will also serve as stop on the New Mexico Rail Runner Commuter train. This project is important to taxpayers because it part of the larger Main Street economic development revitalization project.



**Los Lunas Intermodal Transportation Center (Los Lunas, NM)** -- I respectfully request \$4,523,708 for the phase II design and construction of an Intermodal Transportation Center. The proposed center will provide significant transit-oriented business, village operations conference areas and a traveler information area. This project is important to taxpayers because it fosters public transportation.

**Lovelace Respiratory Research Institute (Albuquerque, NM)** -- I respectfully request \$5,500,000 for a Phase I clinical trial unit at the Lovelace Respiratory Research Center. The unit will allow for the expansion of clinical trials developing FDA-approved pharmaceuticals targeting the development of: countermeasures for exposure to chemical/biological and nuclear attacks; effective analysis of aerosolized drug delivery systems; and the research of communicable disease or viruses related to the lungs. This project is important to taxpayers because it furthers the institute's mission to prevent, treat and cure respiratory disease.

**Luna County Community Recreation Facility (Deming, NM)** -- I respectfully request \$410,000 for the Luna County Youth Programs Recreation Complex. Part of the Main Street Revitalization project, the new recreation complex will be housed in a renovated old Pepsi building. An important example of the art deco style in the area, once renovated the space will provide local dance, music and sports groups areas to meet, train, rehearse and perform. This project is important to taxpayers because it serves the dual purpose of renovating urban blight and providing needed services to Deming youth. Specifically these dollars will be used for project design and construction.

**Navajo Nation Judicial Complex (Window Rock, AZ)** -- I respectfully request \$14,729,771 for the construction a new Navajo Nation Supreme Court and Judicial Complex. This project is important to taxpayers as current judicial installations impede the effective administration of justice.

**Ohkay Owingeh Tribal Administration Building (San Juan Pueblo, NM)** -- I respectfully request \$3,250,000 for the construction of the Ohkay Owingeh Tribal Administration Building. This project is important to taxpayers because the efficient and effective administration of public services will help foster the tribal economic development.

**Plaza Hacienda Housing Authority Electrical Upgrade (Alamogordo, NM)** -- I respectfully request \$2,000,000 for electrical upgrades at the Plaza Hacienda Housing Authority. The project will reduce operating and maintenance costs and include the installation of one hundred and fifty-three individual meters. This project is of importance to taxpayers as it will improve efficiency at an affordable housing complex.

**Poeh Cultural Center (Santa Fe, NM)** -- I respectfully request \$ for the completion of the Poeh Woodworking Studio. Located at the Poeh Cultural Center and Museum, the studio is indicative of the growth of the Poeh Museum's Permanent Collection which now houses over 1,800 objects that require temperature and humidity controlled facilities, a halon alternative fire suppression system and collections database. This project is important to taxpayers because it will promote Native American arts and crafts as a culturally appropriate form of economic development.



**Pojoaque Low Income Housing Rehabilitation (Santa Fe, NM)** -- I respectfully request \$590,000 for the rehabilitation of 30 the Pueblo of Pojoaque's low income housing units. Affordable housing continues to be one of the greatest needs and challenges facing Indian country; a problem that has only been aggravated by funding shortages that have led to further disrepair of housing. This project is important to taxpayers because it will provide safe and livable homes to low income families.

**Pojoaque Wellness Center (Santa Fe, NM)** – I respectfully request \$7,316,875 for the planning design and construction of the Pueblo of Pojoaque Wellness Center. The proposed expansion will include a Boys and Girls Club, a tutoring program and a teen center. This project is important to taxpayers because it will expand youth program services at the Pueblo of Pojoaque.

**Presbyterian Medical Services Vehicle Replacement (Santa Fe, NM)** – I respectfully request \$315,000 for the replacement of transportation vehicles at the Presbyterian Medical Services. Vehicles requested as part of this project will include a busses to transport children to Head Start programs and ambulances to serve rural New Mexico communities. The project is important to taxpayers as these vehicles help residents access health and education programs.

**Pueblo of Ohkay Owingeh Mobile Home Park (San Juan Pueblo, NM)** – I respectfully request \$1,250,000 for development of the Pueblo of Ohkay Owingeh Mobile Home Park. Averaging a 60-70 Housing Authority applicant waiting list, the lack of tribal housing has been a consistent problem forcing many community members to leave the area in search of adequate housing. This project is important to taxpayers because it will help alleviate the shortage of tribal housing.

**Quay County Courthouse (Tucumcari, NM)** – I respectfully request \$3,400,000 for the construction of the Quay County Courthouse. The existing building was built in 1939 and cannot accommodate current personnel or equipment needs. This project is important to the taxpayer as it will improve the administration of justice in Quay County.

**Raton Regional Wellness Facility (Raton, NM)** – I respectfully request \$8,250,000 for phase II construction of the Raton Regional Wellness Facility. Enjoying widespread community support from Colfax County, Miners' Colfax Medical Center and the Raton Public Schools, the facility will provide after-school programs and weekend recreation for area youth. This project is important to taxpayers because it will promote exercise, health education and provide after school activities to the families of Raton.

**Red River Fire Department Ladder Truck Purchase (Red River, NM)** -- I respectfully request \$425,000 for the Red River Fire Department's purchase of a ladder truck. The Town of Red River has made a partial payment for the ladder truck but requires federal assistance to complete the purchase. This project is important to taxpayers because it will significantly improve fire department services in Red River.



**Red River Public Library Revitalization (Red River, NM)** – I respectfully request \$2,100,000 for the refurbishment of the Red River Public Library and construction of a Visitor's and Economic Development Center. The proposed construction and renovation will allow more effective use of community space and better accommodate the public education mission of the library. This project is important to taxpayers because it will improve the town's ability to provide learning experiences for the residents and visitors.

**Rio Rancho Meadowlark Senior Center (Rio Rancho, NM)** -- I respectfully request \$800,000 to improve a parking lot at the Meadowlark Senior Center. This project is important to taxpayers because the current parking lot's inaccessibility prevents the full participation of Rio Rancho seniors in community activities.

**Roosevelt County Fairgrounds Multi-Use Facility (Portales, NM)** -- I respectfully request \$4,599,000 for the construction of multi-use facility at the Roosevelt County Fairgrounds. The proposed 63,00 square foot facility will be utilized to host trade shows, equestrian events, training seminars and fairs as well as replace buildings constructed in the late 1930's. This project is important to taxpayers as the new facility will host large trade shows that increase local economic development.

**San Miguel County Transfer Baler Facility (Las Vegas, NM)** -- I respectfully request \$823,313 for the construction, design and equipment necessary to install a County Transfer Baler station. The new station is expected to reduce landfill space and minimize daily round trip of trash trucks. This project is important to taxpayers as it provides a more efficient transportation of solid waste.

**Sandoval County Fairground and Event Center (Bernalillo, NM)** – I respectfully request \$10,900,000 to complete the Sandoval County Fairgrounds and Event Center master plan infrastructure. Part of a 67-acre site, the proposed fairgrounds will bring jobs to the Village of Cuba whose high unemployment rates and lack of revenue sources make it a prime setting for an economic development project. This project is important to taxpayers as it will foster economic development to the rural communities of Sandoval County.

**Santa Ana Community Health, Wellness and Education Center (Santa Ana Pueblo, NM)** - I respectfully request \$18,000,000 for the construction of the Santa Ana Pueblo Community, Health, Wellness and Education Center. The center will serve up to 700 people at any given time and a diabetes program, computer lab, as well as language, cultural, health and fitness programs. This project is important to taxpayers as it will help meet the educational, medical and health needs of the Pueblo and surrounding areas.

**Santa Fe Botanical Garden at Museum Hill (Santa Fe, NM)** -- I respectfully request \$1,500,000 for the construction of a new botanical garden in Santa Fe. The garden will provide leadership in plant conservation of New Mexico native species and offer educational program in the efficient use of water. This project is important to taxpayers as it will be the only public garden in Northern New Mexico.



**Santa Fe Indian School Wellness Center (Santa Fe, NM)** – I respectfully request \$5,500,000 to complete construction of the Santa Fe Indian School (SFIS) Wellness center. Built over 100 years ago, the Santa Fe Indian School serves seventh through twelfth grade Native American students from the 19 New Mexico Pueblos. High rates of diabetes and heart disease make a wellness center an integral component of a well-rounded education and critical to the overall success of SFIS students. This project is important to taxpayers because it provides holistic health support to an underserved community. These dollars will be used solely for construction costs.

**Santo Domingo Safety Complex (Santo Domingo Pueblo, NM)** -- I respectfully request \$1,010,332 for the planning and construction of the Santo Domingo Pueblo Safety Complex. This project is important to taxpayers because it will house critical safety services including Emergency Medical Services, a volunteer Fire Department and a police sub-station.

**Sierra County Administration and Law Enforcement Center (Truth or Consequences, NM)** -- I respectfully request \$7,500,000 for the construction of a new Sierra County Administration and Law Enforcement Center. This project is important to taxpayers because the current overcrowded administration building, a former school house, houses over 43 employees and prohibits the effective provision of county services.

**Spaceport America Telecommunications Infrastructure Development (Las Cruces, NM)** - I respectfully request \$1,000,000 for the development of a telecommunications infrastructure at Spaceport America. The spaceports isolated location, necessitated by safety considerations, currently does not provide the necessary high capacity telecommunications and high-speed internet access required for industry development. This project is important to taxpayers as the Spaceport America is key to the development of America's commercial space launch market.

**Spanish and Mexican Community Land Grant Support Program ( Santa Fe, NM)** -- I respectfully request \$1,100,000 for the establishment of the Spanish and Mexican Community Land Grant Support Project. The project that will provide programmatic, technology, communications and infrastructure support to community land grant heirs that have suffered socio-economic hardships from the inequitable implementation of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo. This project is important to taxpayers because it will create job opportunities in rural communities.

**State of New Mexico Transitions and Linkages Supportive Housing for Transitioning Youth and Adults with Serious Mental Illness (Santa Fe, NM)** -- I respectfully request \$2,000,000 for the State of New Mexico Transitions and Linkages Programs that provides affordable housing for persons with severe mental illness and transitioning youth. Funding of this request will help build capacity to implement statewide best practices methods and expand services to high risk youth ages eighteen to twenty-one in need of a stable environment to transition into adulthood. This project is important to taxpayers because it fills a critical need in helping at risk individuals lead productive lives.

**Taos County Administrative, Detention and Judicial Complex (Taos, NM)** -- I respectfully request \$5,000,000 for construction of a new Taos County Administration, Detention and



Judicial Complex. The current complex, built in 1979, has radon levels one hundred and fifty times higher than acceptable safety standards and critical structural problems that cannot be solved through renovation. This project is important to taxpayers because current facilities fail to meet building safety standards and therefore pose a danger to all county residents.

**Taos County Solid Waste Operations and Recycling Facility (Taos, NM)** -- I respectfully request \$700,000 for the construction of a new Solid Waste Operations and Recycling Facility. This project is important to taxpayers because the proposed facility will modernize waste and recycling operations for Taos County and neighboring communities.

**Taos Visitor's Center and Rest Area (Taos, NM)** -- I respectfully request \$500,000 for the development of a Visitor's Center and Rest Area on State Road 68. The scenic byway is frequently traveled and used extensively by tourist to access Taos and the Enchanted Circle. This project is important to taxpayers because it will improve tourism in Taos County and serve all who use this major highway.

**Taos Youth Collaborative Facility (Rancho de Taos, NM)** -- I respectfully request \$1,000,000 for preconstruction costs of the Taos Youth Collaborative Facility. A one stop facility run by the Rocky Mountain Youth Corps, the facility will house job training, alternative education, service learning, social entrepreneurship and arts programs. This project provides measureable improvements in youth educational achievements by offering GED services, development of pre-employment skills, life skills and job training. The variety of community services offered to local youth will help ensure healthy balanced adults ultimately effecting long term poverty, job deterioration and rural population decline. The project is "shovel-ready" with land acquired and zoned, an architect on contract and completed schematic designs. Additionally the project is planned as an environmentally sustainable building with LEED Platinum certification pending. This project is important to taxpayers as it supports the creation of trained workforce in rural areas. Specifically these dollars will be used for architectural, engineering and legal services and site development.

**Tijeras Arroyo Open Space Land Acquisition (Albuquerque, NM)** -- I respectfully request \$15,000,000 for the acquisition of Tijeras Arroyo Open Space land. Tasked with acquiring , protecting, maintain and managing natural landscapes and resources, the Open Space Division has undertaken the creation of a continuous open space corridor along the Tijeras Arroyo, the largest Albuquerque area tributary to the Rio Grande, from east of Four Hills to the Interstate 25 corridor. The area includes approximately 1,510 acres of which 760 acres remain outstanding. This project is important to taxpayers as it will help establish a contiguous open space from the Tijeras Canyon to Rio Grande.

**Tingley Beach Phase II (Albuquerque, NM)** -- I respectfully request \$6,500,000 for the phase II construction at Tingley Beach. Originally constructed in 1931, Tingley beach is the only open body of recreational water serving the Albuquerque metropolitan area. As one of its greatest treasures ongoing maintenance requires the maintenance construction and related pumps and plumbing. This project is important to taxpayers because it provides residents unique education, conservation and recreation opportunities.



**Torrance County Fire Departments (Estancia, NM)** -- I respectfully request \$1,000,000 for the purchase of equipment for all 6 Torrance County volunteer fire departments. Equipment will include new bunker gear, communications equipment and source wells for rural communities. This project is important to taxpayers because it will significantly improve fire department services in Torrance County.

**Valencia County Administrative Complex (Los Lunas, NM)** -- I respectfully request \$4,000,000 for the planning, design and construction of a new Valencia County Administration Complex. The old Valencia County Courthouse Complex has mold, asbestos, plumbing and electrical problems and is beyond renovation repair. This project is important to taxpayers because the new complex will improve delivery of county services to residents.

**Valencia County Conejo Transfer Station (Los Lunas, NM)** -- I respectfully request \$200,000 for the planning design and construction of the Conejo Transfer Station building improvements. This project is important to taxpayers because it provides waste management services for the entire population of Valencia County.

**Vietnam Veterans National Memorial State Park (Angel Fire, NM)** -- I respectfully request \$1,000,000 for improvements to the Visitor Center and Museum at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial State Park. This project is important to taxpayers because it will improve the educational exhibits at this memorial of national significance.

**Village of Tijeras Senior Center (Tijeras, NM)** -- I respectfully request \$1,000,000 for the final phase construction of the Village of Tijeras Senior Center. Tijeras senior programs are currently housed in a community center where space and resources are scarce. The proposed center will not only give seniors a place of their own but also house expanded recreational, social, health and educational programs that benefit both Tijeras and East Mountain area seniors. This project is important to taxpayers because it delivers the services that our seniors need to remain productive members of our communities.

**Vistas de Plata Affordable Housing Project (Silver City, NM)** -- I respectfully request \$2,000,000 for the construction of the Vistas de Plata, a 56 affordable housing unit project. A HUD designated Colonias area with double digit unemployment, affordable housing is a key issue for the development of the Silver City economy. Local employers, including the Western New Mexico University, the Gila Regional Hospital and Border Area Mental Health Services, have difficulty recruiting and retaining employees as a result of the limited availability of affordable housing. This project is important to taxpayers as it supports the affordable housing necessary to grow the Silver City community. Specifically these dollars will be used entirely for construction.

**Whitfield Wildlife Conservation Area (Los Lunas, NM)** -- I respectfully request \$1,215,000 for the Whitfield Wildlife Conservation Area's visitor and environmental construction and infrastructure development. This project is important to taxpayers because it offers the opportunity to restore the backwater wetlands of the Rio Grande.



**Xeriscape National Water Conservation Center (Albuquerque, NM)** -- I respectfully request \$2,450,000 for design and construction of a Xeriscape National Water Conservation Center. This project is important to taxpayers as it promotes the use of native plants and efficient irrigation.

**Zuni Forest Products Equipment (Zuni, NM)** – I respectfully request \$200,000 for the purchase of equipment to support the Zuni Forest Products and Services tribal sawmill. The tribally owned sawmill produces lumber products for sale to tribal members and the public and works with the Bureau of Indian Affairs Forestry department to maintain local forest environments by forest fuel reduction and wild fire prevention. This project is important to taxpayers as it fosters the economic development of the Pueblo of Zuni.

### **Neighborhood Initiatives**

**Gallup Affordable Housing Development (Gallup, NM)** – I respectfully request \$500,000 for the Community Area Resource Enterprise (CARE 66) construction of up to 60 units of affordable housing. CARE 66 is a HUD certified Community Housing Development Organization focusing on the creation of affordable housing for low income individuals and families and jobs in the Gallup community. These units will be housed in two renovated downtown hotels – one that will provide transitional housing to homeless veterans and the other that will mix permanent and transitional housing for low income and homeless individuals. This project is important to taxpayers because it helps alleviate homelessness in northwest New Mexico. Specifically these funds will pay for pre-development costs, architectural design and some renovation costs.

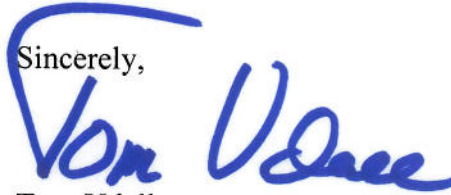
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Additionally, as required by Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has a pecuniary interest in any of the congressionally directed spending items that I have requested from the Senate Committee on Appropriations, consistent with the requirements of paragraph 9 of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate. I further certify that I have posted a description of the items requested on my official website, along with the accompanying justification.



While I recognize you are operating under very tight constraints, I hope you will consider the needs of my constituents in this year's Financial Services and General Government Appropriations bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tom Udall", with a large, sweeping initial "T" and "U".

Tom Udall  
United States Senator

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